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January 13, 2023

Dear John Hawkins:

Inspection of the West Arrowhead C-02 Well (WID1857)

On July 21, 2022, Mr. Brian Heppelle, Safety Officer and Conservation Officer under section 105 of the *Oil and Gas Operations Act*, inspected the West Arrowhead C-02 well (WID1857), operated by Paramount Resources Ltd. (Paramount). Mr. Heppelle has since left the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO). He did not complete an *OROGO Well Inspection Summary Report* for the West Arrowhead C-02 well inspection before he left.

In the absence of an *OROGO Well Inspection Summary Report*, I am sharing the results of our review of Mr. Heppelle's field notes and photographs taken during the inspection.


Mr. Heppelle's notes indicate that the West Arrowhead C-02 well was in satisfactory condition except:

- There is brush or debris within 25 meters of the wellhead.
- There is no wind indicator.
- Some of the valves are not chained and secured.
- The interim casing valve appears to be open.

A functioning wind indicator is necessary to ensure safe access to the wellsite and must be installed during Paramount's next visit to the site. As the West Arrowhead C-02 well is being abandoned during the winter 2023 work season, I anticipate the issues with valves noted above will no longer be a concern once the wellhead is removed. Please note that all equipment and debris on the site must be removed within 12 months of the abandonment of the well, as required under the *Well Suspension Guidelines and Interpretation Notes*.

If you have any questions about the results of this inspection, please contact OROGO at oro.go@gov.nt.ca or 867-767-9097.

Sincerely,


Pauline de Jong
Regulator